

OPPONENT TESTIMONY OF:

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Opposed to:
Current Legislative Maps proposed by the Commission

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I am opposed to the state legislative maps presented by the Commission because they do not meet any of the basic tenets of fair maps. They break up communities of interest. They dilute the political power of peoples of color. They misrepresent the makeup of the state as a whole with regard to political affiliation.

These maps completely disregard the reform measures that we voted overwhelmingly to approve on all of those accounts. In addition, cities are unnecessarily split apart. You can tell just by looking at these maps in comparison to other maps we have been looking at over the past few months that the “snake on the lake” and other atrocities, where more progressive areas are diluted by combining with large rural areas, is still the chosen path of the Commission. This ensures that there will be no competition of ideas, which is the very foundation of

We have waited a very long time to see the results of our vote. The process did not even come close to following what we citizens approved, and continues to give a gerrymandered disproportional vote to the GOP when compared to the last 10 years of Ohio voting records.

Both of the two top prize-winning maps – the Wise map and the Padmanabahn map – do a much better job of meeting the requirements for which I and most of my fellow Ohio citizens voted. I prefer the Wise map because it does not split up the school districts in our county as much as the Padmanabahn map does. I am very interested in being able to keep our school districts together. Our school districts are very important in uniting our citizenry, whether or not we currently have kids in school.

Please do not vote to approve the current maps proposed by the Commission. Please reconsider using the Wise map.

Thank you,

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